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For

: Cr-BASED ALLOY HAVING AN EXCELLENT STRENGTH-DUCTILITY

BALANCE AT HIGH TEMPERATURE

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon Japanese Application No. 11/148326, filed May 27, 1999. The International Bureau already should have sent a certified copy of the Japanese application to the United States designated office. If the certified copy has not arrived, please contact the undersigned.

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